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1. MISSION MAY INFORM AGENCY THAT U.S. INTENDS PROVIDE DR. MURRAY SCHULMAN, ERDA, AS COST-FREE EXPERT FOR SUBJECT COURSE IN LIEU OF DR. JOSEPHSON. AS SCIENTIST RESPONSIBLE FOR AEC-ERDA'S FOOD IRRADIATION PROGRAM SINCE 1969, DR. SCHULMAN HAS GIVEN PROBLEM OF WHOLESOMENESS DATA EVALUATION VIA CHRONIC FEEDING STUDIES MUCH ATTENTION AND HAS REPRESENTED U.S. ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD IRRADIATION PROJECT (IFIP).

2. DR. SCHULMAN WILL COVER TECHNOLOGY ASPECTS OF AGENCY'S PROPOSED AGENDA TOPIC D (REF B) AND IN ADDITION WOULD MORE ADEQUATELY ADDRESS IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATED TO WHETHER IRRADIATED FOODS ARE SAFE TO CONSUME, WHICH REPRESENTS PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO WIDESPREAD UTILIZATION OF FOOD IRRADIATION TECHNOLOGY TODAY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, HE PLANS TO REVIEW CURRENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NUTRITIONAL ADEQUACY AND SAFETY OF RADIATION PROCESSED FOODS,
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SUMMARIZE DILEMMAS AND ISSUES NEEDING RESOLUTION IN ASSESSING

WHOLESOMENESS, REVIEW PROTOCOL DESIGNS, COSTS AND EFFORTS
REQUIRED FOR EVALUATING POTENTIAL FOR INDUCING TOXICITY,
MUTAGENICITY, CARCINOGENICITY AND TERATOGENICITY AND DESCRIBE
ACTIVITIES UNDER WAY AND PLANNED FOR RESOLVING THEM IN U.S.
AND ELSEWHERE, E.G., PROGRAM OF IFIP.

3. RESPONSES RE DRS. BROWER, BRYNJOLFSSON AND WIERBICKI IN
PROCESS WITH USDA AND NATICK LAB. INGERSOLL

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